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SUBJECT: TERRORISM FINANCE: ITALY - REVIVAL OF ISLAMIC  
HERITAGE SOCIETY POST VETTING AND CHARITABLE REPLACEMENT  
SERVICES

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Classified By: DCM Anna Borg for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (S/NF) Post's Law Enforcement Working Group met December 29 to discuss reftel. Post believes that there is no need for replacement charitable services in Italy, as there are no known branches of RIHS in country. Additionally, the GOI would likely support the USG designation to the UN 1267 Sanctions Committee, if the USG informs the GOI well enough in advance of its designation and there are no significant Italian interests at stake (we know of none). We would optimize the designation's chances for success at the UN by working closely with our Italian counterparts and sharing all available information with them at the earliest possible date.

¶2. (S/NF) Post would like to highlight the excellent cooperation between the U.S. and Italy on terrorism finance matters -- and stress the need for continued cooperation through information sharing and open discussions. This is especially important now, given Italy's seat on the UNSC, starting January 2007, and the other equities involved in our bilateral relationship at the UN -- e.g., Iran sanctions.  
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